A PROCLAMATION CONCER-

NYNGE SOVCHERS.

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FOR AS MOCHE AS THE KINGES maieſtie is credibly aduertiſed and infourmed, that beaſes, muttons, and beales, are lykely to be moze ſcarſe and dere nowe ayenſt this holy tyme of Eſter, than in other ſeaſons of the yere, by reaſone of the charges of keppnge of ſuche cattelle with hey and other ſtouer, in the wynter: by occaſion wherof the bouchers and other that ſhall ſell ſuch beaues muttons and beales by retayle by weighte, can not bye theym of the bzeders bzoggers fermours bzouers owners and feders of ſuche cattell at ſuche reaſonable pzices in groſſe, as they may ſell the ſame ayene by weight by retayle at ſuche pzices as are limitted in the acte made for kepynge of fleſhe by weight, oneleſſe it ſhulde be to their vtter loſſe and vndoinge: His highenes therfoze wyllynge, that the ſame bouchers, and other ſellyng fleſhe by retayle foz the tyme hereafter lymitted in this pzoclamation, ſhuld be ſo conuenyently pzouided foz in the pzemiſſis, as they ſhulde not haue any cauſe reaſonable to fozbere theyz pzouiſions foz ſuche vitall to be ſolde by retayle ayenſt this holy tyme of Eaſter, foz relieſe and ſuccour of his ſubiectis, in as ample maner as heretofoze hath ben accuſtomed: Is therfoze contented and pleaſed, that from henſeforth vnto the. xxiiij. day of June next commyng, bouchers and all other, that ſhall ſell fleſhe of the kyndes afozeſayde by weyghte by retayle, ſhall and may ſell from tyme to tyme, vnto the ſayde. xxiiij. day of June nexte commynge, euery pounde of beefe good and holſome foz mans bodye, foz an halfepeny and one halfe farthynge and no moze: And euery pounde of mutton foz thze farthynges onely and no moze: And euery pounde of veale foz an halfepeny and halfe farthynge, and no moze. The ſayde acte of pzouiſion heretofoze had and made foz ſellynge fleſhe by weight by retayle, oz any thinge therin conteyned, to the contrarie herof not withſtondinge.

¶ Pzouyded alwayes, that no bouchers oz other ſhall kylle any calues to ſelle by retaylle foz the terme of two yeres enſuinge, from the firſt day of Januarye laſte, vpon the peynes lymitted in the acte made foz kyllynge of calues, this pzoclamation not withſtandyng. And his highnes hath ozdeyned, that if any boucher oz other ſellyng by retayle, do ſelle any of the kyndes of vitalles afozeſayde, otherwyſe then by weight, oz at any other pzices than is afoze lympted, oz refuſe to ſelle accozdinge to this pzoclamation: themne euery boucher, oz other ſo offendynge ſhall ſuffre loſe and fozfayte all ſuche peynes and penalities, and alſo be ozdered in all thinges as is conteyned and limitted in the acte made foz the pzemiſſes. This pzoclamation in anywyſe not lettynge.

¶ And furthermoze the kynges hyghnes ſtraytely chargeth and commaundeth all and euerye the ſayde bzeders bzoggers bzouers fermours feders and owners of ſuche cattell, that they and euery of them furnyſſhe the fayzes & markettes with ſuche fat cattall as they haue to ſelle from tyme to tyme, in as large and ample maner as hath ben accuſtomed: And to ſell theyz ſayde cattell at ſuche reaſonable pzices, as the ſayd bouchers oz ſuche other, as ſhall retayle the ſame ayene by weight, may vtter and ſell the ſame to his louynge ſubiectes, at ſuche pzices as are aboue lympted, as they wyll auoyde his graces hygh diſpleaſure, and anſwere to the ſame at theyz vttermoſte perylles.

¶ AND THAT after the ſayde. xxiiij. day of June, the ſayde bouchers and other ſellyng fleſhe by retayle, ſhal from thens fozthe ſell by weyght by retayle, accozdynge to the pzices limitted in the ſayd act made and pzouyded foz the ſame, vpon the peynes and penalities conteyned in the ſayd acte, without any abſtinence oz redreſſe to be hadde therof after the ſayde. xxiiij. daye. Wherfoze the kynges hyghnes ſtraytely chargeth and commaundeth all and ſyngulers Maires, Juſtyces of peace, Shireffes, bayliffes, conſtables, and other his officers and faythfull ſubiectes, to whom it ſhall oz in any maner of wyſe may appertayne, that they and euery of them cauſe this his pzoclamation to be put in due and effectuall execution accozdynge to the tenour therof, as they wyll aunſwere to his hyghnes at their vttermoſte peryls.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

Tho. Berthelet. regius impreſſor excudebat.

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